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10	ROBERT GRABOWSKI, on behalf of himself   Case No:		

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and all others similarly situated,

## Plaintiff,

v.
TIANZHOU DENG, BO HUANG, ROBERT I.
ADLER, RENJIE LU, GREG
MARCINKOWSKI, BAOHENG SHI, XIANG
DONG YANG, SINOENERGY
CORPORATION and SKYWIDE CAPITAL
MANAGEMENT LIMITED,

Defendants.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL

## TO: THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA:

Pursuant to the Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 ("CAFA"), and 28 U.S.C. §§ 1453(b) and 1331, defendant Sinoenergy Corporation ("Sinoenergy") removes this action to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada. The grounds for removal are as follows:

1. Plaintiff Robert Grabowski, on behalf of himself and all persons similarly situated, commenced this action on October 30, 2009, in the District Court for Clark County, Nevada, Case No. A09-602741, against Sinoenergy, Tianzhou Deng, Xiang Dong Yang, Bo Huang, Robert I. Adler, Renjie Lu, Greg Marcinkowski, Baoheng Shi and Skywide Capital Management Limited ("Skywide") (the "Complaint").

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2.	Based on the allegations of the Complaint, Grabowski brings this action on
behalf of "h	undreds or thousands of individuals and entities scattered throughout the country.
(Compl. ¶ 1	9.)

- 3. Plaintiff brought this Complaint as a "class action" as defined under 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(1)(B). (Compl. ¶ 17.) The Complaint alleges as of August 12, 2009, there were 15,942,336 shares of Company common stock outstanding. (Compl. ¶ 19.)
- 4. Sinoenergy was served with a copy of the Complaint on or about November 19, 2009. True and correct copies of the Summons and Amended Complaint are attached as Exhibit 1.
- 5. No other process, order or other pleading in this action has been received to date by Sinoenergy.
- 6. Thirty days have not yet expired since Sinoenergy was first served with the Complaint, which is the first pleading served on it. The time for removal does not begin to run until a defendant has been served. See Murphy Brothers, Inc. v. Michetti Pipe Stringing, 526 U.S. 344 (1999); 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b).
- 7. Plaintiff has brought this action against Sinoenergy and the individual defendants to either enjoin the consummation of a transaction in which Skywide, Sinoenergy's largest shareholder, would acquire each common share of Sinoenergy for \$1.90 per share in cash or approximately \$30.3 million (the "Proposed Transaction"). In the alternative, Grabowski has brought this action to rescind the Proposed Transaction or to account to him for his damages that stem from the Proposed Transaction. (Compl. ¶¶ 1-2.)
- 8. Defendant Sinoenergy maintains its principal place of business in Beijing, China, and is incorporated under the laws of the state of Nevada. (Compl. ¶ 4.) Individual Defendants Tianzhou Deng, Bo Huang, Robert Adler, Renjie Lu, Greg Marcinkowski, Baoheng Shi, and Xiang Dong Yang are officers and/or directors of Sinoenergy. (Compl. ¶¶ 5-11.) Defendant Skywide is a limited liability company organized under the laws of the British Virgin Islands. (Compl. ¶ 13.)

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- 9. When determining jurisdiction under CAFA, the claims of the individual class members are aggregated, 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(6), and Plaintiff alleges that there are "are many thousands of Class members." (Compl. ¶ 22.) Plaintiff alleges that for the week of August 10, 2009 through August 14, 2009, the price of Sinoenergy's stock traded at levels of up to \$2.63 per share. (Compl. ¶ 45.) According to Plaintiff, the Proposed Transaction is "grossly unfair" because the value of Sinoenergy stock is in excess of the amount offered in the Proposed Transaction of \$1.90 per share. (Compl. ¶ 44-46.) Here, Plaintiff has alleged that, as of August 12, 2009, there were 15,942,336 shares of Sinoenergy common stock outstanding. (Compl. ¶ 22.) Multiplying the alleged number of shares outstanding by \$1.90 equals \$30,290,438.40. Multiplying the alleged number of shares outstanding by what plaintiff believes the stock is worth (\$2.63) equals \$41,928,343.68. The difference between these two values is \$11,637,905.28. Thus, it is clear from the face of the complaint that the amount in controversy exceeds \$5,000,000.
- As alleged in the Amended Complaint, the total number of members of the 10. proposed plaintiff class exceeds 100. (Compl. ¶ 22.)
- 11. The above-captioned action is a civil action over which this Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1332(d)(2), and which therefore may be removed to this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1453(b), in that the action is a class action between a class containing a member who is a citizen of a State different from any defendant, and that the matter in controversy, exclusive of interest and costs, exceeds the sum or value of \$5,000,000, and that none of the exceptions to § 1453(b) apply here.
- 12. The above-captioned action does not solely involve a claim: (1) concerning a covered security as defined under 15 U.S.C. § 77p(f)(3) and 15 U.S.C. §78bb(f)(5)(E); (2) that relates to the internal affairs or governance of a corporation or other form of business enterprise that arises under or by virtue of the law of the state in which such corporation or business enterprise is incorporated or organized; or (3) that relates to the rights, duties (including fiduciary duties), and obligations relating to or created by or pursuant to any security (as defined under 15 U.S.C. § 77b(a)(1) and the regulations issued thereunder.) See Katz v.

1	Gerardi, 552 F.3d 558, 562 (7th Cir. 2009); Estate of Pew v. Cardarelli, 527 F.3d 25, 31-33 (2d		
2	Cir. 2008).		
3	13. In the alternative, the above-captioned action is a civil action over which this		
4	Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331. Specifically, Plaintiff has alleged		
5	that Sinoenergy, a public company listed on a national exchange with 15,942,336 shares of		
6	Sinoenergy common stock outstanding, has aided and abetted the breaches of fiduciary duties		
7	owed to public shareholders by entering into the Proposed Transaction. Among other things,		
8	Plaintiff alleges that defendants failed to adequately inform shareholders with all material		
9	information regarding the Proposed Transaction.		
10	14. In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1441(a), venue lies in the United States District		
11	Court for the District of Nevada, in that the pending action was filed and is pending in the		
12	District Court for Clark County, Nevada, which is within this judicial district.		
13	15. Promptly after filing this Notice, Sinoenergy will file a copy of it with the clerk		
14	of the state court in which this action is pending and will give written notice to the plaintiff, as		
15	required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).		
16	16. This Notice of Removal is executed and filed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11.		
17	WHEREFORE, defendant Sinoenergy Corporation removes the above-entitled action		
18	now pending in the Eighth Judicial District Court in and for the County of Clark, Nevada, Case		
19	No. A602741, to the United States District Court for the District of Nevada.		
20	RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 8 <sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009.		
21	McDONALD CARANO WILSON LLP		
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23	By: <u>/s/ Jeffrey A. Silvestri</u> JEFFREY A. SILVESTRI, ESQ. (NV # 5779)		
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- 15. Promptly after filing this Notice, Sinoenergy will file a copy of it with the clerk of the state court in which this action is pending and will give written notice to the plaintiff, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d).
  - This Notice of Removal is executed and filed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 11. 16.

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## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I am an employee of McDonald Carano Wilson LLP, and that I served a true and correct copy of the foregoing **NOTICE OF REMOVAL** on this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2009, via facsimile and by depositing said copies in the United States Mail, postage prepaid thereon, upon the following:

Griffith H. Hayes, Esq. Martin A. Muckleroy, Esq. Cooksey Toolen Gage Duffy & Woog 3930 Howard Hughes Parkway, Ste. 200 Las Vegas, NV 89169 Attorneys for Plaintiffs

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